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Application No.: 10/666,052

Filing Date: September 17, 2003

Applicant: William H. Pettit et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Stephen J. Kalafut

Title: COMBINED AUTOTHERMAL/STEAM REFORMING FUEL PROCESSOR MECHANIZATION

Attorney Docket: 8540G-000004/CPB (*formerly 8540G-000108*)

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a 1-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.**



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COMMENTS:

Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/666,052
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Dear Examiner Kalafut:

Enclosed herewith is a Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal (in duplicate) and a 36 page Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time in response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006.

Should you have any questions or need anything further, please feel free to contact me at (248) 641-1600.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey H. Urian

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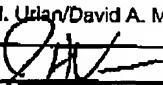
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		Art Unit 1745
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2006

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 120

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200	100
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Multiple dependent claims

360	180
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Total Claims

<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
-20 or HP= 0	x _____	= 0

Multiple Dependent Claims

<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims

<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(c)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): Extension for reply within first month

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